



DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

STANDARD

The programs of, and teaching in, a school must support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:

- elected Government;
- the rule of law
- equal rights for all before the law;
- freedom of religion;
- freedom of speech and association;
- the values of openness and tolerance.

Rationale:

To ensure all are aware of the principles and practices of Australian democracy, which underpin the teaching and learning programs of our school and community.

Aim:

To create an environment that supports the development of effective Australian citizens, who have an awareness of the values and systems which underpin our democracy.

Implementation:

- The school programs will reflect the values and principles that underpin Australia's democracy and the ways in which these contribute to a fair and just society and a sustainable future.

These values and principles include:

Care and compassion	Doing your best
A fair go	Freedom
Integrity	Honesty and trustworthiness
Respect	Responsibility
Understanding	Tolerance and inclusion

- Democratic principles will be embedded in the our school vision, policies, protocols and practices
- The Catholic Identity of our community will be reflected through the gospel values we uphold and practice each day.
- When planning units of work across the school we will ensure that they reflect democratic principles and promote our responsibility to live as active and just citizens in our local, global and online communities
- We will create, explore and build opportunities to celebrate diversity and recognise cultural difference, demonstrating the values of respect and acceptance.

- We will create, explore and build opportunities to celebrate build care and compassion through social justice initiatives.
- Our school improvement plan and annual action plan will be driven by our school vision statement that is underpinned by our Catholic Ethos and democratic principles.
- Leadership and staff will model the values and principles reflected in the gospel values

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's policy review cycle.